



'The Peacekeepers'

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A documentary about U.N. peacekeeping operations
in the Democratic Republic of the Congo



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Refreshments will be served

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The Democratic Republic of the Congo is struggling to recover from a devastating six-year conflict that continues to destabilize Central Africa and cause immense suffering to the country's civilian population. Known as "Africa's first world war" because of the involvement of nine nations in the region, the fighting began in August 1998 and quickly engulfed the country in a conflict characterized by extreme violence, mass population displacements, widespread rape, and a collapse of public health services.

The outcome has been a humanitarian disaster unmatched by any other in recent decades, yet it has drawn little response from the international community. Between 1998 and 2006, 3.9 million people died, and 38,000 more are dying each month from such preventable diseases as malaria, diarrhea, fever, and malnutrition. Sporadic outbreaks of violence continue to take place, particularly in the unstable eastern provinces.

Come see this powerful new documentary about the United Nations mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.